REMARKS

Claims 72-132 are pending. By this preliminary amendment, claims 1-6, 8, 10,12-18, 20, 22-24, 28-29, 32-33, 37-39, 41, 43, 46-48, 50, 53, 58-59, 61, 63, 65, 67-68 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Thus, all of the originally filed claims have now been canceled. New claims 72-132 have been added. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added and support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification and drawings. Claims 72, 77, 79, 92-94, 99, 117, 118, 120, 121, 125-127 and 132 are independent.

It is not believed that any fees are required beyond those accompanying this Second Preliminary Amendment for additional claims. However, if additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application or entry of the present amendment, then any fees required therefore (including petition fees for extensions of time) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (*Ref. No. 22249-502*).

In view of the foregoing amendments, consideration and allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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